



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 13 April 2010. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

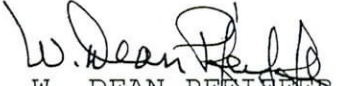
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 26 September 1967 at age 19. On 21 June 1968, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation. During that examination, it was revealed that you had used such drugs as barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana and lysergic acid diethylamide. On 3 July 1968, you were processed for an administrative discharge by reason of unfitness due to drug use. You elected to waive the right to have your case heard by a board of officers and on 17 July 1968 your commanding officer recommended an undesirable discharge by reason of unfitness. On 1 August 1968 the separation authority directed an undesirable discharge. You were so discharged under other than honorable conditions on 15 August 1968.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your

discharge due to your extensive use of drugs. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director